

REMARKS

The Office Action dated March 28, 2003 has been received and carefully noted.

The following remarks are submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

Accordingly, claims 1-17 are pending in this application and are submitted for consideration.

Claims 1, 3-13, and 15-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by WO 99/49404 to Cochinwala et al. (hereinafter, "Conchinwala"). Claim 14 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Conchinwala. Claim 2 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Conchinwala in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,405,037 to Rossman. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections.

Cochinwala, the sole or primary reference in each of the rejections, has a publication date of September 30, 1999, which is after the foreign priority date of the present application. Therefore, the rejections are improper. A verified English translation of the foreign priority document, Korean application 99-5946, is submitted herewith pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.55. Accordingly, Applicants request the rejections be withdrawn and claims 1-17 be allowed.

If for any reason the Examiner determines that the application is not now in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact, by telephone, the Applicants' undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this application.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, the Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension together with any additional fees may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account No. 02-2135.

Respectfully submitted,

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